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Northern Employees Recognized by Board of Supervisors

Palm Beach Gardens, FL – August 24, 2005 – The Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District held its Board of Supervisors meeting this morning and recognized three valuable employees during the meeting. Board President, Ronald M. Ash, P.E, awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Kenneth Roundtree, Randy Cross and Kathleen Brunk.

Mr. Ash recognized these individuals for their hard work and dedication to Northern and presented each one with a certificate.

Kenneth R. Roundtree joined the staff at Northern as the new Director of Operations during June 2004. With over nineteen years of experience in public works, water management and forestry, he came to Northern from the Village of Wellington, where he served as Director of Public Works for 11 years, as well as Parks Director for six years. Ken graduated Magna Cum Laude from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry Resource Management. Ken serves as a member of the Wellington Garden and Radio Clubs, an Eagle Scout as well as a certified Worksite Traffic Supervisor from the American Traffic Safety Services Association.

As Director of Operations he is responsible for overseeing the operations and maintenance of the water management systems, operations staff and emergency response system.

Ken received special recognition for his work on the FEMA Grant of \$338,000 for wind and erosion damage to Lake 20 in Unit No. 43 Mirasol. Hurricane Frances destroyed approximately 5,000 linear feet of the eastern bank of the lake. This erosion was caused by the harsh western winds during the storm that created a surge onto the shore, eroding away 18-20 feet of sod and sand from its banks.

FEMA representatives worked with Northern Staff to evaluate the area and made a determination that the damage was caused by the hurricane and was a qualified project. The damage met all of the criteria for a mitigation project. The repairs will include a cost-effective solution to deter this damage from recurring. An erosion control fabric will be installed along the bank and represents approximately 25% of the project cost. The project goal is to restore the bank to

its original condition as well as project it from future erosion. The first portion is to bring in fill dirt that was lost. The slope will then be regraded; the fabric placed; and then the sold would be placed on all for the disturbed areas. It is anticipated that it will take approximately 5,000 cubic yards of fill, 100,000 square feet of sod, 25,000 sod staples and 12,222 yards of mitigation fabric to complete this project. This project work is scheduled to begin during late August and be completed by November 2005.

It is difficult to qualify projects for FEMA reimbursement. FEMA determined this lake met the criteria for erosion damage because Hurricane Frances directly impacted it and the damage was immediate.

Randy Cross is the Manager of Right of Way and Aquatics and is responsible for overseeing the maintenance of canal rights of way, and the aquatic weed control and mowing programs.

Mr. Cross served in the U. S. Marine Corps and served as a Reservist following an honorable discharge. He also is a Mason having worked in the masonic organization for nine years. He is proud of being a seventh generation Floridian. He has worked with Northern since 1986 when he began as a Field Technician I and, in 2004, he became Manager.

Randy received special recognition for his work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Northern's \$752,000 grant award from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Funds received are for debris removal and bank stabilization of canals located in several of Northern's Units of Development. Work included returning canals to their original design, clearing trees and vegetation from Northern's canal right-of-way; removing trees; stump grinding; re-grading of canal and banks; excavation of canal bottoms, removal of canal debris, and laying sod to stabilize banks.

Kathleen Brunk serves as Northern's Finance Director. With dual degrees from Florida Atlantic University in Accounting and Business Management, Katie also is a Certified Public Accountant. Prior to joining the District, Ms. Brunk worked with a public accounting firm specializing in governmental and non-profit auditing and accounting services. Katie is a member of the American Institute of Public Accountants, Florida Institute of Public Accountants and the Florida Government Finance Officers Association.

Katie received special recognition for her work in diligently managing Northern's FEMA reimbursements in excess of \$2,000,000.

The Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District is an independent special district created by the Florida Legislature in 1959. Its role is to provide services related to water management, environmental enhancement and mitigation as well as infrastructure for properties in northern Palm Beach County. www.npbcid.org.

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